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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000  
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000  
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary between XXI Corps and VI Corps. As before to BOXBERG N3800 (to VI Corps) - then BARTENSTEIN S5586 - BLAUFELDEN S6380 - CRAILSHEIM S7062 (all to VI Corps) - BOPFINGEN S9232 (to XXI Corps).

Boundary between XXI Corps and XV Corps: As before to KRONUNGEN N7268 (to XXI Corps) - then ZELL N7969 - N9070 (both to XXI Corps) - HASZFURT N9862 - STEPPACH 02035 - HOCHSTADT 02127 - ERLANGEN 03616 (all to XV Corps) - FURTH 03601 (to XXI Corps) - T4593 - NEUMARKT T7183 (both to XV Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (151200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 9th Colonial Division. (With 9th Zouaves, 126th Inf, 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors and CC2 and CC3 1st Fr Armd Div atchd). Gained up to four miles south. Combat Command "3" occupied RENCHEN W2098 and reached ERLACH W2196 and APPENWEIER W1893. Combat Command "2" occupied FORBACH R4609. Front line change: APPENWEIER W1893 - ERLACH W2196 and R3310 and FORBACH R4609 - R4806 - R4803.

I French Corps. No change.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Combat Command "4" (5th Fr Armd Div) continued to support the division. Made gains up to five and one-half miles on the right and left flanks. The towns of LANGENBRAND R6522, WILDBAD R6017, SCHOMBERG R6621 and IGELSLOCH R6816 were captured. Front line change: R5001 - R5306 - R5408 - R5709 and WILDBAD R6017 - IGELSLOCH R6816 - SCHOMBERG R6621 - LANGENBRAND R6522.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th and 103d Divisions. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Advanced three to five miles south and east. WILLSBACH S1860 was captured. Contact was made with Combat Command "A" 10th Armored Division in the vicinity of S1965 and with the 63d Division in the vicinity of WILLSBACH. Front line change: S0655 - S1056 - S1255 - S1456 - S1856 - WILLSBACH S1860 - S2161 - S2064 - S2465. 10th Armored Division. Repulsed a strong counterattack. Combat Command "A" reached S1965 and S2465. Division cavalry screened the line S2868 - S3468. Front line change: S2465. 63d Division. Advanced up to one-half mile south on a one-mile front against moderate resistance. Units entered KUPFERZELL S4271. On the right, contact was established with the 100th Division. On the left, units advanced south three and one-half miles on a six-mile front. Front line change: S4070 - KUPFERZELL S4271 and S5375 - S5774 - S6276.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. (With 324th Inf atchd). Advanced up to three miles east on a fifteen-mile front and captured LICHTEL S6792, OBER RIMBACH S6892 and TAUBERZELL S7296. Front line change: S6378 - S6686 - OBER RIMBACH S6892 - TAUBERZELL S7296 - S7598. 101st Cavalry Group. Gained up to five miles southeast on a nine-mile front. Reached the vicinity of N9000 and repulsed a counterattack in that area. Front line change: S7796 - S8299 - N9000. 12th Armored Division. Advanced seven miles southeast on a fifteen-mile front and reached ERACH N9842 and NEUSTADT 00712. Combat Command "A" attached to 42d Division. Front line change: S8798 - N9407 - N9806 - 00210 - NEUSTADT 00712. 42d Division. (With CCA 12th Armd Div atchd). The 242d Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of N8028 and the 232d Infantry in the vicinity of N8518. Combat Command "A" 12th Armored Division closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of N8551.

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XV Corps. 3d Division. Gained up to fifteen miles southeast on an eight-mile front. Units of the 15th Infantry reached HOCHSTADT 02127. Combat Command "B" 14th Armored Division reverted to 14th Armored Division. Front line change: HOCHSTADT 02127 - C2825 - 03030 - SCHNEID 03135. 45th Division. On the right, the 180th Infantry captured BAMBERG 02648. The remainder gained up to thirteen miles south on a twenty-three mile front. Combat Command "A" 14th Armored Division reverted to command of its parent unit. Front line change: EGGOLSHEIM 03935 - 04031 - 04532 - 04936 - 05440 - 05944 - 06744. 14th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" passed through the left flank of the 45th Division and reached the autobahn in the vicinities of 06930 and 07234. Combat Command "R" captured HOLLFELD 05555 and LINDENHART 07344 and reached the edge of CREUSSEN 07945. Front line change: 06948 - 06930 - 07233 - CREUSSEN 07945.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII British Corps. 15th Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde atchd). Advanced one and one-half miles east. Captured HALLIGDORF X9186 and reached NETTELKAMP X9179. Front line change: X9178 - NETTELKAMP X9179 - X9181 - X9182 - HALLIGDORF X9186 - GR. LIEDERN X9288. 6th Airborne Division. 5th Parachute Brigade occupied HUSTEDT X5658. The 6th Air-landing Brigade commenced movement to the 15th Division area to relieve units of that division. The 3d Parachute Brigade assembled in the vicinity of ESCHEDE X6862. 11th Armored Division. (With 1st Commando Bde atchd). Attacked north and advanced fifteen miles on an eight-mile front against initially stiff but decreasing opposition. Captured BERGEN X5070. Front line change: WEESEN X6173 - X6080 - X5682 - WIETZENDORF X5082.

XII British Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With 155th Bde atchd). Advanced up to eight and one-half miles east on a five-mile front against stiff opposition. Front line change: X2170 - X2371 - X3274 - FALLINGBOSTEL X3276 - X3178 - X2579. 53d Division. (With 4th Armd Bde atchd). The 4th Armored Brigade attacked northeast and advanced six miles. The 158th Brigade gained up to three miles. Front line change: X2581 - X1681 - X1680.

XXX Corps. 3d Division. (With 52d Rcn Regt atchd). Directed on BREMEN W7199 the division gained up to one-half mile. Front line change: W7290. 51st Division. 153d Brigade advanced two miles north on a two-mile front. Front line change: W4982 - W4883 - W4782 - W4682. 43d Division. (With 8th Armd Bde atchd). On the right, units reached AHLHORN W3178. On the left, fighting continued in the woods north of CLOPPenburg W2072 the majority of which was captured. Front line change: W3377 - AHLHORN W3178 and W2081.

I British Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Reconnaissance units captured VARRELBUSCH W1877. On the left, the 10th Infantry Brigade advanced three miles north on a narrow front without contact. Front line change: W1983 - W1884 and W0797 - W0694. Polish Armored Division. 3d Polish Infantry Brigade captured RHEDE W6896. Advance units reached an arm of the NORTH SEA (DOLLART) in the vicinity of Q5916. Front line change: RHEDE W6896 and Q5916. 2d Canadian Division. (With 1st Cdn Rcn Regt atchd). Advanced up to sixteen miles on a five-mile front. The division was not in contact with the enemy at the close of the period. Front line change: Q0426 - Q0121 - U9824. 3d Canadian Division. Advanced west up to twelve miles on a fifteen-mile front and occupied LEEUWARDEN U7014, SNEEK Z6095 and BOLSWARD Z5198. No opposition was encountered. Front line change: LEEUWARDEN U7014 - BOLSWARD Z5198 - SNEEK Z6095.

I Canadian Corps. 1st Canadian Division. Advanced six miles west on a three-mile front. The 49th Division was contacted in the vicinity of E8786. Front line change: E9091 - E8791 - E8786. 5th Canadian Armored Division. Attacked northwest and advanced seven miles to the vicinity of OTTERLOO E6591 and consolidated positions. Front line change: OTTERLOO E6591 - E6387.

AIR. (15 Apr). Eighth Air Force: 1,345 bombers sortied against 17 strong points, coastal and flak batteries in southwest France. 1,277 bombers dropped 1,304.8 tons of general purpose and 3,550.6 tons of incendiary bombs on 15 first priority targets and on 2 other targets. 109 P51s sortied in support of Ninth

Air Force operations. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 250 bombers against a marshalling yard in ULM X6780. The Tactical Air Commands flew 645 sorties. Claims included 9 enemy aircraft in the air and 55 enemy aircraft on the ground, 446 motor transports, 120 locomotives and 99 buildings.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Broken to scattered. Visibility: 1 - 2 miles at dawn, except less than 1,000 yards in fog in Holland and extreme northwest Germany, becoming more than six miles by noon. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 70° F. Minimum 40° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance along the army front was moderate to scattered. (Army Troops). 70th Division. The 275th Infantry Regiment was relieved of responsibility for KOBLENZ L8905 by units of the Fifteenth Army. 474th Infantry (non-div). No change.

XII Corps. 71st Division. Elements relieved the 2d Cavalry Group on the line 07153 - 07952 - 08556. The 66th Infantry Regiment advanced east up to two and one-half miles on a six-mile front. Front line change: 08066 - 08573. 26th Division. Advanced up to eight miles east on a sixteen-mile front and captured MUNCHBERG 08984. Front line change: 08675 - 08877 - 09080 - 09084 - 09187 - 09490 - 09493 - 09596. 90th Division. Advanced east up to nine miles on a nineteen-mile front. Front line change: 09799 - J9701 - J9704 - J9806 - J9212 - J9218 - J9021 - J8724 - J8527.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Advanced east up to twelve miles on a six-mile front. Captured SCLEIZ J8827. The 345th Infantry Regiment assembled in the vicinity of J7240. Front line change: J9828 - J9435. 89th Division. Advanced east up to twelve miles on an eleven-mile front. The 353d Infantry Regiment captured PIESIGITZ J9941. The 354th Infantry Regiment captured WEIDA K0450. Front line change: J9941 - K0244 and K0450 - K0555 - K0557. 6th Cavalry Group. Passed through the 89th Division and advanced east on a four-mile front and gained up to twenty-three miles. Front line change: K1844 - K2349 - K1649 - K1449.

XX Corps. 80th Division. The division continued mopping up behind the 4th Armored Division. 6th Armored Division. Advanced east and gained up to nine miles on a twelve-mile front. Seized bridges intact over the ZSCHOPAU River in the vicinity of K6976, K6878 and K6880. Secured a bridgehead up to one mile deep and three miles wide. Front line change: K6269 - K7172 - K7176 - K7080 - K6987. 76th Division. Continued mopping up behind the 6th Armored Division. 3d Cavalry Group. Screened the corps south flank from the vicinity of K2356 to K3555. Front line change: K2356 - K3555.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 20th Armored Division. (With 112th RCT atchd). No change.

V Corps. 9th Armored Division. Attacked northeast and gained up to ten miles on a nine-mile front. Combat Command "R" seized bridges over the ZWICKAUER-MULDE River in the vicinity of K5493, K5591 and K5490. Captured COLDITZ K5493. Front line change: K5591 - COLDITZ K5493 - E1903 - E4908 - ALTENHAIN E4510 - K3999. 2d Division. The 23d Infantry crossed the SAALE River, attacked east and gained up to one mile on a four-mile front. Front line change: D9914 - D9816 - D9719. 69th Division. Continued mopping up scattered resistance.

VII Corps. 104th Division. The 414th Infantry Regiment continued heavy house-to-house fighting in HALLE D9429. Front line change: D9429 - D9630. 3d Armored Division. Attacked east on a five-mile front and gained up to one mile. Established a bridgehead across the MULDE River in the vicinity of E1365. Contacted elements of the Ninth Army in the vicinity of D8762. Captured KOTHEN D9358. Front line change: E1358 - E1364 - E1365 and KOTHEN D9358 - D8762. 9th Division. Attacked north on a twenty-nine mile front and gained up to five miles against light to moderate resistance. Front line change: D6448 - D4840 - D4442 - D3643 - HARZGERODE D3543 - D3344 - D2544 - D1845 - D1747. 1st Division. (With

the 4th Cav Gp atchd). Continued to clear the HARZ Mountain area. Attacked north on a twelve-mile front and gained up to two miles. Front line change: D0846 - D0548 - C9052 - C9155.

III Corps. 7th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" attacked west against strong resistance and gained up to five miles on a four-mile front. Front line change: A9216 - A9314 - A9513. 99th Division. Attacked west on a six-mile front and gained up to three miles against light resistance. Captured ISERLOHN A9708. Front line change: A9810 - ISERLOHN A9708 - UNT. GRUNE A9507 - A9706 - A9604 - A9502.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 86th Division. Attacked north along the west bank of the LENNE River and gained up to two miles. Reached the junction with the RUHR River at A8313. Front line change: A8313. 8th Division. (With CCR 13th Armd Div atchd). Attacked west on a six-mile front and gained up to eleven miles against light resistance. Front line change: A5810 - A5908 - A6108 - A6302 - A6401. 78th Division. Attacked west on a seven-mile front and gained up to six miles against moderate resistance. Combat Command "B" reverted to command of the 13th Armored Division. Front line change: F6398 - F6096 - F5694 - F5891 - CRONENBERG F5790 - F5689. 97th Division. Attacked north against light resistance and gained up to eight miles on a five-mile front. Front line change: F5579 - F5382 - F5082. 13th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" and Combat Command "A" attacked north against light resistance and gained up to ten miles on a three-mile front. Combat Command "R" was attached to the 8th Division. Front line change: F4885 - F4477.

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 8th Armored Division. (Less CCB). No change.

XIX Corps. 330th Infantry. Placed under corps control. Attacked south on a six-mile front and gained up to three miles. Front line change: C9660 - C9762 - D0562. 83d Division. (Less 330th Inf and with CCR 2d Armd Div and the 320th Inf atchd). Expanded its bridgehead over the ELBE River against moderate resistance to a width of seven miles and a depth of up to five miles. Units of the 320th Infantry crossed the SAALE River in the vicinity of D8476 and gained up to two miles on a four-mile front. Front line change: D8074 - D8174 - D8673 - D8776 - D9177 - D9378 - D9380 - D9481 - MUTHA D9382 - D9483 - D9384 - D9385 - SCHORA D9387 - GR. LUBS D8888 - D8687. 35th Division. Relieved the 125th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron and held the line of the ELBE River from TANGERMUNDE Y8747 to the vicinity of Y8325. The 320th Infantry Regiment was attached to the 83d Division. The division less the 320th Infantry passed to the command of XIII Corps at 161200B.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry. No change. 335th Infantry. Detached from 84th Division and placed under corps control. 102d Division. (Less 407th Inf). Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of Y6859. 5th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" attacked east, gained up to two and one-half miles and captured STORKAU Y8954. Combat Command "B" concentrated in the vicinity of Y3862. Front line change: STORKAU Y8954. 84th Division. (Less 335th Inf). Attacked north, gained up to two miles and reached the vicinity of Y5892. Front line change: Y5892.

XVI Corps. 17th Airborne Division. Maintained a reconnaissance screen from the vicinity of A3111 to A4111. 95th Division. The 15th Cavalry Group was relieved from operational control and attached to the 29th Division as of 141200B.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th and 106th Divisions. No change. 16th Armored Division. Motor elements departed from the staging area for FULDA H3718.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 152400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	70,971	289,743	36,318	9,600	406,632
Non-battle					303,843
				Total Casualties	710,475

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: First French Army Tac KARLSRUHE R4845; II French Corps BRETTEN R7149; 3d Division 01349; 42d Division N8225; 45th Division O2552; 100th Division S0453; 9th Colonial Division R4938; 10th Armored Division S2868; 12th Armored Division N8008; 14th Armored Division H9903.

21 Army Group: 15th Division X8383; 51st Division W4572; 11th Armored Division X5668; 6th Airborne Division X6760.

12th Army Group: V Corps NAUMBERG J8592; VII Corps EISLEBEN D6432; VIII Corps RUDOLSTADT J5412; XIII Corps KLOTZE Y3253; XVIII Airborne Corps WIPPERFURTH F7680; 2d Division BARMSTADT D7212; 5th Division MENDEN B0415; 8th Division F7399; 9th Division UFTRUNGEN D2527; 35th Division BURGSTALL Y6930; 69th Division WEISSENFELS J9597. 75th Division A7933; 76th GORMA K2579; 78th Division F6383; 84th Division ARENDSEE Y5382; 87th Division POSSNECK J7240; 89th Division KAHLA J7152; 97th Division BERG GLADBACH F5765; 99th Division DEILINGHOFEN B0509; 3d Armored Division E0357; 4th Armored Division WALDENBURG K4264; 7th Armored Division MENDEN B0415; 13th Armored Division DELBRUCK F5364.

The following information was received too late to be placed in its proper order in the report.

Boundary between XIX and XIII Corps changed as follows: As before to PEINE X7016 (to XIX Corps) - thence along autobahn to BARMKE Y1912 - VOLMINSTEDT Y6612 - cross road vicinity Y6912 - BURG Y8115 (all incl XIII Corps with running rights to XIX Corps through BURG) - ZIESAR Z1017 - Z2019 - Z2221 - Z2527 - BRANDENBURG Z2734 - Z4932 - Z5729 - Z5931 (all incl XIII Corps) - POTSDAM Z6135 (incl XIX Corps) - Z6138 - Z7043.

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